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1. INDOCHINA

MOST PAPERS HEADLINE RECAPTURE OF "MAYAGUEZ," RESCUE OF CREW BY MARINES; EARLIER EDITIONS FEATURE SINKING OF CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS BY US PLANES, RELATED MIL ACTION. NYT'S FINNEY QUOTES UPI REPORT PP RADIO ANNOUNCED SHIP WOULD BE ORDERED WITHDRAW FROM CAMBODIAN WATERS. SAYS DEBATE MAY BE GOING ON IN ADMIN ABOUT WHETHER LIMIT MIL ACTION TO RESCUE OR EXTEND TO INCLUDE REPRISALS. CARTER/WIEGHART (NYDN) ALSO NOTE PP COMMUNIQUE THAT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO INCIDENT BY CAMBODIANS AND CAME AS PRES ENDED MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

TELTSCH (NYT) REPORTS US ASKED UN SEC GEN USE GOOD

OFFICES SECURE RELEASE SHIP, CREW, AND WALDHEIM OFFERED HELP, APPEALED FOR ALL REFRAIN FROM ACTS OF FORCE. BERGER (WP) SAYS REQUEST TO UN MADE 5 HRS BEFORE MARINES MOVED IN TO RESCUE MAYAGUEZ; CALLS IT LAST DIPLOMATIC EFFORT IN INCIDENT WHERE DIPLOMACY BECAME FUTILE EXERCISE BECAUSE OF UNCERTAIN SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. VOLZ (NYDN) AND AP (CHITRIB) POINT OUT CAMBODIA'S WEAK MIL POSITION.

TASS HAD NO COMMENT ON US ACTION (AP, SUN).

SUPPORT FOR PRES IN CONGRESS BEGINNING SHOW CRACKS AS SOME EXPRESS DOUBT ON RISK, CONSULTATION (CLYMER, SUN). WAR POWERS ACT REQUIRES CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS BEFORE COMMITTING US FORCES (PHINQ). WH SAID PRES CONSULTED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS BEFORE ORDERING ATTACK ON CAMBODIAN PATROL BOATS. SFRC ADOPTED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, CONGRESSMEN GENERALLY APPROVED PRES' ACTION (SHABECOFF, NYT). LAWMAKERS AGREED AS JUSTIFIED ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE, THOUGH SOME CRITICIZED MIL ACTION AS HASTY, DANGEROUS OR UNAUTHORIZED (PHINQ).

CONGRESS RALLIES BEHIND PRES, BUT LEADERS DENIED HAD BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE AND SOME SAY WH SHOULD HAVE PRESSED DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES LONGER BEFORE RESORTING TO FORCE (RICH, WP). DEMS SAY NOT CONSULED IN ADVANCE, MOST MAINTAIN CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE, NEITHER PRAISING NOR CONDEMNING ACTION (NYDN). PRES HAS SIGNED WORLD OPINION HE WILL NOT TOLERATE THREAT TO AMERICANS' LIVES, OR FREEDOM OF SEAS. NEW CONTROVERSY IGNITED IN WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER FORD ACTUALLY CONSULTED WITH CONGRESS BY NOTIFYING IN ADVANCE OF MIL ACTION HE INTENDED TAKE (CSM). PRES WAITED 11 HRS BEFORE INFORMING PUBLIC OF ATTACK ON CAMBODIAN BOATS (UPI, NYT). PRES SHIFTED FROM DIPLOMATIC TO MIL TACTICS OUT OF FEAR 39-MAN US CREW MIGHT BE TAKEN OUT OF REACH BEFORE COULD BE RESCUED (MCCARTNEY, PHINQ). SOME PAPERS CARRY STORIES ABOUT, OR INTERVIEWS WITH, FAMILIES OF MAYAGUEZ CREWMEN. UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIO PP REPORTS NIGHTCLUBS, GAMBLING PLACES IN BATTAMBANG BEING DESTROYED AS PART OF CAMPAIGN ASSERT KHMER CULTURE (WP, SAYS ALL "SEQUELS OF IMPERIALISM" BEING SMASHED WHILE RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR GO ON. ADDS NEW REGIME DEVELOPING, PROTECTING NATL CIVILIZATION, CULTURE, AND CUSTOMS (REUTER, NYT).

ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS BREAK OUT IN LUANG PRABANG, SAVANNAKHET, WHERE STUDENT-LED CROWD SEIZED 3 AMERICANS AS HOSTAGES. DEMONSTRATORS DID DAMAGE TO USAID, USIS BUILDINGS. HOSTAGES BELIEVED IN NO DANGER; GOVT SENDS NON-COMMUNIST, PL REPS TO SAVANNAKHET TO NEGOTIATE (CHITRIB; NYDN; AP, SUN). PL POWER GROWING SUBSTANTIALLY

RECENTLY; HAVE CALLED FOR REMOVAL AMERICANS FROM PROVINCIAL AREAS FOR SOME TIME BUT STOPPED SHORT OF DEMANDING FULL USAID PULLOUT (ANDELMAN, NYT). HOSTAGES' EXACT STATUS NOT CLEAR. US CHARGE PROTESTS INCIDENTS, COMPLAINS LACK POLICE PROTECTION IN LUANG PRABANG WHERE COPS WATCHED DEMONSTRATORS SACK USAID COMPOUND.

OBSERVERS SAY APPARENT PL WANTS FOREIGNERS OUTSIDE VIENTIANE REDUCED TO BAREST MINIMUM (PALLING, WP). DOS' FUNSETH ANNOUNCES DECISION "THIN OUT" US OFFICIALS IN LAOS, AND AID PROGRAM UNDER REVIEW AS RESULT ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS, CHANGES IN LAOTIAN GOVT (MILLS, SUN). WIEDRICH (CHITRIB) DOES WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW ARTICLE ON PEOPLE HE KNEW IN BAN HOUET SAI. COMMENTS THAT AS DOMINO THEORY GAINS CREDENCE IN INDOCHINA, THAILAND LOOKS APPREHENSIVELY AT BORDERS, AS DO MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE.

AMB MARTIN LEFT MANILA TUES FOR BANGKOK. NOT KNOWN HOW LONG WILL STAY (WP), OR HOW SOON EXPECTED FLY WASHINGTON FOR REPORT TO PRES (UPI, NYT).

FRANCE RECOGNIZES NEW SAIGON GOVT, SAYS WILL SOON EXCHANGE AMBS (WP; SUN; NYT); FRENCH ALSO APPROACHED KHMER ROUGE, BUT SO FAR NO REPLY TO REQUEST FOR DIP RELATIONS (SUN). PRG MOVES EXTEND CONTROL OF SVN EMBASSIES ABROAD (WP). ALGERIANS SEEK ASSUME ADMINISTRATION SVN ASSETS IN US, UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDING EMBASSY, SENT USG 3 DIPLOMATIC NOTES. DOS' FUNSETH SAYS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION (AP, WP). WHO ADMITS DRV (UPI, NYDN; NYT). SAIGON RADIO SAYS RESISTANCE TO COMMUNIST FORCES CONTINUES IN SOME AREAS OF SVN (CSM); STATES MAJOR CHALLENGE IS FINDING JOBS FOR IDLE MILLION, 3 MILLION FORMER CIVIL SERVANTS, AND 100,000 PROSTITUTES, URCHINS (NYT). COMMUNIST OFFICIAL PLEDGES "MODERATE" POLICIES IN SVN (UPI, NYT), SAYS CHANGES IN SAIGON WILL BE MADE SLOWLY. NVN RICE SHIP ARRIVES SAIGON. HANOI RADIO SAYS DRV PRES AND LE DUC THO LEAD NVN DELEGATION TO SAIGON TO CELEBRATE HO'S BIRTHDAY (UPI, WP).

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT (WP) IN SAIGON DESCRIBES GOOD BEHAVIOR OF NVA SOLDIERS. OPINES CITY HAS DECIDED AFTER MAKING FEW CONCESSIONS EVERYTHING WILL GO ON AS NORMAL, BUT REAL CHANGES PROBABLY YET TO COME. AP REPORTER IN SAIGON TELLS OF BEING TAKEN TO LUNCH BY VC (SUN). LAT'S MCARTHUR (5/14) REPORTS COMMUNISTS INHERIT HUGE STOCKS OF US SUPPLIES, INCLUDING RICE, FERTILIZER, THAT WILL EASE SVN TRANSITION.

HOUSE APPROVES 507 MILLION DOLS FOR REFUGEES; BILL GOES

TO SENATE (AP, NYDN). HOUSE APPROVAL OVERWHELMING.
SENATE STEPS UP PACE UNDER ADMIN SPURRING (PEPPER, SUN).
SENATE WAS CONSIDERING DELAY UNTIL NEXT WEEK, BUT NOW
WILL PROBABLY TAKE UP BILL FRIDAY (MADDEN, NYT). ADMIN

OFFICIALS SAY OUT OF FUNDS TO RUN REFUGEE PROGRAM.
CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT HAS SWUNG SOLIDLY BEHIND REFUGEE
AID BILL (LYONS, WP). SENATE PUTS "RUSH" LABEL ON
REFUGEE AID (CHITRIB). MCGOVERN SCORES SCOTT (PA) FOR
DISTORTING HIS STATEMENT ON ALLOWING VIET REFUGEES
RETURN HOME (UPI, WP).
SECURITY CHECKS AND ABSENCE SPONSORS DELAY REFUGEE
FLOW (CHARLTON, NYT). ICEM SAYS ABOUT 10,000 VIET
REFUGEES WILL SETTLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, MAINLY FRANCE,
CANADA, AUSTRALIA (NYT). HEW OFFICIAL SAYS DOZENS OF
REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES THAT WANT
SERVICES OF ESTIMATED 200-250 VIET REFUGEE MDS
(MANN, WP). CHICAGO JEWISH GROUP WILL AID 500 VIET
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REFUGEES (CHITRIB).

VA GOV GODWIN SUPPORTS SENATE RESOLUTION WELCOMING
VIET REFUGEES (EDWARDS, WP). BULLION DEALERS OPEN
OFFICES IN REFUGEE CAMPS TO BUY GOLD VIETS HAVE FOR
SALE (UPI, JOC). NYT'S MALCOLM ON GUAM GIVES SERIES
OF VIGNETTES OF REFUGEE LIFE. WP'S AARONS AT
PENDLETON REPORTS DOZEN FORMER HIGH-LEVEL SVN OFFICIALS
ALLOWED DEPART WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF CAMP'S CO, DOS
OFFICIALS. DANISH GOVT WILL SEND BACK 208 VIET
CHILDREN, SINCE SATISFACTORY EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING
PROGRAM NOT DEVELOPED BY SPONSOR (WP).

2. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN NOTES WPC, HITHERTO MORE CONCERNED WITH
TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS, RICH IN POLITICAL OVERTONES,
SOME NOT SO SUBTLE. FOR ONE, FACT MIKI SEATED ARABS
ON EITHER SIDE AT DINNER WELCOMING KEY DELEGATES
CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED JAPANESE KNOW "WHERE THEIR OIL
IS COMING FROM" (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

3. KOREA

DRP'S PARK JOON KYU SAYS NATL SECURITY EDICT ISSUED BY
PRES MAY REMAIN IN FORCE "AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS" SINCE
KIM IL-SUNG THREAT WILL LAST LONGER THEN INDOCHINA SHOCK
(NYT, SEOUL).

LAT'S JAMESON IN SEOUL (5/14) SAYS EDICT PARK ISSUED
TUESDAY "MOST SWEEPING TO DATE." EMPOWERS GOVT TO
ORDER PRIVATE FIRM FIRE ANY EMPLOYEE OF FIRM FOR WHOM

VIOLATOR WORKED, NOT JUST VIOLATOR HIMSELF. FOREIGN FIRMS AND CORRESPONDENTS NOT EXCLUDED. FIXES PENALTY NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR AT HARD LABOR, BUT SETS NO UPPER LIMIT ON JAIL TERMS.

NYT'S HALLORAN SAYS POPULAR SUPPORT FOR PARK "STEADILY ERODED" BY REPRESSIVE MEASURES. CITES SOURCES WITHIN GOVERNING CIRCLE, WHO CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED FOR FEAR REPRISAL, THAT OPEN RESENTMENT NOW FOUND AMONG TRADITIONALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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STRONG SUPPORTERS INCONSERVATIVE COUNTRYSIDE. BUT ALL, INCLUDING WESTERN DIPLOMATS, AGREE PARK HOLDS UPPER HAND, SINCE ARMY, POLICE AND KCIA REMAIN LOYAL.

4. KOREA/CHINA

PRINCESS ASHRAF PAHLEVI, TWIN SISTER OF SHAH, STOPPED PEKING WEDNESDAY, EN ROUTE TO NK ON FIVE-DAY VISIT AT INVITATION KIM IL-SUNG. HIGHEST RANKING IRANIAN DELEGATION TO NK SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OPENED APRIL, 1973 (AFP, WP). ATTENDED DINNER HOSTED BY DEP FM HO YING. VISIT ALMOST COINCIDES WITH SHAH'S VISIT WASHINGTON (NYT).

5. CHINA

SPOKESMAN SAYS GISCARD DISCUSSED ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, AID TO LDCS DURING SECOND OF TWO MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH TENG HSIAO-PING (WP). TENG CALLED TALKS "VERY USEFUL AND FRUITFUL"; MORE FORTHCOMING FRENCH SPOKESMAN SAID CHINESE FULLY SUPPORT GOF PLAN TO RECONVENE STALLED INTL ENERGY CONFERENCE (LEWTHWAITE, SUN).

CP LEADER MARCHAIS WEDNESDAY ACCUSED CCP OF BACKING REACTIONARIES IN WEUR, DEPARTING FROM MARXIST IDEALS (WP). ALSO ASKED, AT LUNCH FOR FOREIGN PRESS AT PARTY HQ, HOW SO MANY CHINESE COULD SUPPORT CCP THAT "ENDORSES STALINISM" (FLORA LEWIS, NYT).

EIGHT BLACK CONGRESSMEN (STOKES, CLAY, COLLINS, YOUNG, FORD, BURKE, RANGEL, FAUNTROY) ADDRESSED LETTER TO PRES WEDNESDAY ASKING THAT FORMAL TIES NOT BE ESTABLISHED WITH PEKING "BY SEVERING OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" WITH TAIWAN. ARGUED WOULD NOT BE IN OUR INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE PRC "LIBERATE" TAIWAN AND GET US INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE WAR (SUN).

US TRACK AND FIELD TEAM PLANS LEAVE HK FOR PRC ON SCHEDULE FRIDAY, DISPUTE UNEASINESS ABOUT "EXPLOSIVE SITUATION" CREATED BY CAMBODIAN SIEZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (UPI, NYDN).

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6. MALAYSIA

EXXON SPOKESMAN SAYS FIRM TEMPORARILY HALTED EXPLORATION, DRILLING OFF MALAYSIA, BECAUSE UNCERTAIN HOW MUCH RETURN GOM WILL ALLOW (WSJ, JOC). SAID PETRONAS WANTS PERMIT ONLY 7 PERCENT OF REVENUES, WHICH TOO SMALL IN RELATION SIZE OF INVESTMENT (NYT).

7. INDONESIA

GOI NAMES SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCILOR BEN MANG RENG FIRST AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL IN 13 YEARS; RELATIONS SUSPENDED 1965 AS SANCTION AGAINST PORTUGAL'S COLONIAL POLICIES (AFP, WP).

MINING MIN SADU TOLD PRESS IN TOKYO WEDNESDAY PERTAMINA'S PROBLEMS "NOT EASY" BUT CAN BE OVERCOME BY YEAR END. SAID LEARNED PERTAMINA SHOULD CONFINE SELF TO UPSTREAM, DOWNSTREAM OIL OPERATIONS (UPI, JOC).

8. ASEAN

FMS MEETING IN KL AGREE HOLD ASEAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA IN TWO MONTHS (UPI, NYDN). SUMMIT WOULD PLAN CREATE SEA ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. FMS EXPECTED INITIAL TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION THURSDAY, IN FINAL SESSION OF THREE-DAY MEETING (UPI WP, NYT).

9. PHILIPPINES

BENIGNO AQUINO ENDED 40-DAY HUNGER PROTEST FAST WEDNESDAY; SERVED BROTH, DEXTROSE WATER (AP, PHINQ). MILITARY TRIBUNAL HEARING EVIDENCE AGAINST AQUINO DECIDES NOT BEGIN TRIAL, TO RESERVE TO MARCOS RIGHT TO SHIFT PROCEEDINGS TO CIVIL COURT (NYT SPECIAL).

LAT'S LAMB IN MANILA (5/14) REVIEWS DEVELOPMENTS THAT LED MARCOS COME TO GRIPS WITH UNHAPPY TRUTH HIS COUNTRY POLITICAL BACKWATER IN ASIA, BY OPENING UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC, SOVIET, RECOGNIZING EAST GERMANY, AND FINALLY LAST MONTH ASSERTING TIME TO CONSIDER MORE MATURE RELATIONSHIP WITH WASHINGTON.

10. BURMA

GUB TROOPS KILL 11 INSURGENTS, CAPTURE 9 IN MAJOR

DRIVE NEAR THAI BORDER (WP).

11. PAPUA-NG

BOUGAINVILLE COPPER MINE STRIKERS SURRENDER TO POLICE
AFTER RAMPAGE THAT WRECKED BUILDINGS, VEHICLES IN
TOWN (REUTER, WP).

12. PACIFIC ISLES

MARIANAS INHABITANTS SHARPLY DIVIDED OVER JUNE 17
PLEBISCITE ON WHETHER ISLANDS SHOULD BECOME US
COMMONWEALTH (REUTER, CSM).

13. THAILAND

KUKRIT WEDNESDAY FORMALLY PROTESTED AGAINST ARRIVAL
1,100 US MARINES, DEMANDED THEY BE WITHDRAWN BY
MORNING 5/15. TOLD MASTERS WEDNESDAY DID NOT WANT
THAI TERRITORY USED TO STAGE OPERATION TO RECOVER
MAYAGUEZ. TOLD PRESS ARRIVAL OF MARINES "VIOLATION
OF THAI SOVEREIGNTY." MASTERS BELIEVED FIRST LEARNED
MARINES ON WAY FROM NEWS REPORTS. THAI MILITARY,
THAT CLEARS ALL INTL MIL FLIGHTS, APPARENTLY TOLD
IN ADVANCE, PRESUMABLY DID NOT INFORM RTG (UPI, NYDN;
AP, NYT, PHINQ, SUN).

MARINE MOVE TO UTAPAO APPARENTLY MADE IN DEFIANCE
KUKRIT WARNING THAI BASES COULD NOT BE USED AS
SPRINGBOARD FOR US RETALIATION AGAINST CAMBODIA
(GREENWAY, WP).

ANGRY MFA OFFICIAL, ON LEARNING CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS
SUNK BY US PLANES FLOWN FROM THAI BASES, CHARGED
"PIRACY" AND "MADNESS -- AN ACTION TAKEN WITH NO
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THOUGHT FOR THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THAILAND."

RTG NOTE WARNS OF "SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES" TO US-THAI
RELATIONS IF MARINES NOT REMOVED.

AMB WHITEHOUSE ARRIVED BANGKOK WEDNESDAY; GREETED
AT AIRPORT BY 50 PROTESTERS DEMANDING US GET OUT
(PHINQ).

THAI SOURCES SAY PANAMANIAN SHIP, EASTERN GRAND,
STOPPED WEDNESDAY EN ROUTE THAILAND BY CAMBODIAN
GUNBOAT BUT ALLOWED PROCEED AFTER FEW HOURS.
OS MAINTAIN SILENCE ON THAI PROTEST; SAY
DISCUSSIONS TO RESOLVE MATTER TAKING PLACE IN
BANGKOK (GWERTZMAN, NYT).

EXCEPT FOR 1,100 MARINES US HAS NO GROUND TROOPS IN THAILAND (CHITRIB).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. INDOCHINA

LAT 5/14) BACKS PRES FORD'S INITIAL HANDLING OF MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE AS "WHOLE LOT BETTER" THAN SOME ADVICE COMING OUT OF SENATE. SUN STRESSES MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT STAKES ARE LARGE INDEED, FOR SEA AND FOR FORD'S POLITICAL FUTURE (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT ASSERTS THAT ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES HAVING FAILED SPRING MAYAGUEZ, FORD HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT EMPLOY DIRECT MIL MEANS; BUT DISPATCH OF MARINES TO THAILAND IS DIFFERENT MATTER THREATENING SHATTER WHATEVER LEFT OF US-THAI COOPERATION IN SEA. NYT'S LEWIS MAINTAINS CAMBODIANS WRONG, FOOLISH TO SEIZE MAYAGUEZ, BUT DISHEARTENING THAT WE SHOULD USE OCCASION ONCE AGAIN TO SHOW WORLD HOW TOUGH WE ARE WITH USE "DIPLOMACY OF VIOLENCE." SAFIRE (NYT) OBSERVES US MILITARY MOVE TO RESCUE MAYAGUEZ IS FIRST TEST SINCE ISOLATIONIST CONGRESS TOOK CHARGE OF US FOREIGN POLICY, AND IF PRES CAN HOLD COUNTRY WITH HIM IN STEPPING UP TO IT COURAGEOUSLY, WE UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN DETER OTHERS FROM TESTING OUR RESOLVE IN MUCH MORE SERIOUS WAYS (ALL IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GLOBE ASSERTS WOULD BE PROPER, IF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS FAIL FREE MAYAGUEZ, FOR US TO MOVE MARINES TO THAILAND, TIE UP EQUIVALENT CAMBODIAN ASSETS OR TAKE ISSUE TO UNSC; BUT WOULD BE "OUT OF SCALE" FOR US TO BOMB CAMBODIA AS SEN BUCKLEY PROPOSES, NOR IS IT FEASIBLE TO SEND IN LANDING PARTY TO RESCUE SHIP AND CREW IN 19TH CENTURY NAVY STYLE (5/14).

WP'S WILSON ANALYZES AND CONTRASTS FORD'S RESPONSE TO MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE, LBJ PERFORMANCE WHEN PUEBLO TAKEN, AND NIXON'S REACTION WHEN EC-121 SPY PLANE SHOT DOWN (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSJ SAYS NEW CAMBODIA REGIME, IN DRIVING MILLIONS INTO COUNTRYSIDE TO GRUB FOR FOOD OR DIE, HAS INVENTED NEW BRAND CRUELTY. VOICES IMPATIENCE WITH APOLOGISTS WHO CONTEND CAMBODIANS SERIOUS MEN AND THIS EXODUS FROM CITIES MAKES SENSE IF SEEN THROUGH KHMER ROUGE EYES.

EVANS/NOVAK SAY FALL OF LAOS DOMINO POINTS TO US WISHFUL THINKING, PRESENTLY BEING MODIFIED, THAT LAOS MIGHT

DRIFT IN NEUTRALIST NEVER-NEVER LAND WHILE COMMUNIST
TIGHTENED HOLD ON REST OF INDOCHINA, AND HANOI PAUSED
TO DIGEST SVN BEFORE CONSOLIDATING INDOCHINA HEGEMONY.
MISJUDGEMENT REFLECTED UNDERESTIMATION OF HOW DEEPLY
US HUMILIATION HAS AFFECTED ASIAN GOVTS AND BUTTRESSED
POPULAR ANTI-WESTERN JINGOISM (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ZORZA (WP) SUGGESTS PEKING AND KREMLIN IN CONTESTING FOR
INFLUENCE IN HANOI WILL FIND INSUPERABLE OBSTACLE IN
VIET COMMUNISTS' INTENSE NATIONALISM (IN USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

KENNETH CRAWFORD (WP 5/14) THINKS DEFEAT IN VN HAS HURT
US PROBABLY WORSE THAN WE'RE DISPOSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE;
MAINTAINS WE WILL HAVE CAUSE TO REGRET FAILING USE
FULL POWER AGAINST NVN TO BAR SAIGON'S FALL (IN USIA
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WIRELESS FILE). ANDERSON/WHITTEN (5/14) CONTEND SVN'S
SWIFT COLLAPSE SURPRISED FORD WHO WAS MISLED, ACCORDING
WH SOURCES, BY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

LERNER (BOST H-A 5/13) DISCUSSES HOSTILITY TO VIET
REFUGEES, BELIEVES THEY HAVE MANY THINGS GOING FOR THEM,
WILL BE GOOD FOR US. GREELEY (CHITRIB) PRAISES PUBLIC
OPINION THAT GOT US OUT OF VN, FINDS REACTION TO REFUGEES
EVIL COMBINATION OF "NATIVISM AND RACISM." LAVELLE
(CHITRIB) DECRIES COMMENTS THAT COUNTRY'S FIRST DUTY
IS TO OWN PEOPLE WHEN USED AS REASON AGAINST REFUGEES;
POINTS OUT SAME COMMENT MADE ABOUT EARLIER IMMIGRANTS.

15. CHINA

IN NYT (5/14), GEORGE CHANG (PRES, WORLD UNITED FORMOSANS
FOR INDEPENDENCE) DECLARES 16 MILLION TAIWANESE RESENT
FACT THEIR RIGHTS AND EXISTENCE IGNORED BY US IN PROCESS
OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PRC. STATES NOWHERE ELSE IS
PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION MORE PERTINENT OR URGENT
AS FORD PREPARES VISIT PEKING (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BLAKELY (CSM 5/14) NOTES "FIVE STAR" WELCOME FRANCE ACCORD-
ED TENG HSIAO-PING. VISIT, COMBINED WITH PRC DECISION SEND
AMBASSADOR TO EC, SUPPORTS VIEW PRC HOPES WEURMAY SERVE
AS BASTION AGAINST SOVIET. ONLY FLY IN OINTMENT MAY BE
PRESS TOO POLITE POINT OUT PARIS GAVE BREZHNEV SIMILAR
WELCOME JUST SIX MONTHS AGO.

CSM'S FRANDA IN NEW DELHI DISCERNS SIGNS PRC'S POST-
VN POLICY WILL BE TO PROMOTE INSTABILITY IN NE

INDIA WITH MORE ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR SEPARATISTS BECAUSE PEKING ANXIOUS HEAD OFF EXTENSION SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ASIA AND VIEWS INDIA AS SOVIET AGENT (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

PROF DOUGLAS MENDEL LETTER CONGRATULATES CSM'S HARTLEY ON "SUPERB REPORT" ABOUT POST-CKS TAIWAN; SUPPORTS HIS VIEW TAIWANESE UNITED AGAINST ALL LURES, THREATS FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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PEKING; BUT SUGGESTS CONFUSION ON MAINLAND WHEN MAO DIES.

16. JAPAN

STARR(CHITRIB 5/14) LABELS PRC "TOUGH NEW GLOBAL OIL COMPETITOR" THAT HAS ALREADY LURED JAPAN AWAY FROM BIG OIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SIBERIA.

STAN DELEPLANE (CHITRIB 5/14) WRITES ABOUT DINNER WITH EMPEROR'S DAUGHTER THE OTHER NIGHT (CHINESE) AND RECALLS HOW FIRST US CONSUL TOWNSEND HARRIS PUT BEEF ON MENU OF VEGETARIAN JAPANESE IN MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY.

CSM'S ELLIS DECLARES THIS YEAR CRITICAL FOR ENDANGERED WHALE SPECIES, AND CONGRESS HOPES MUZZLE JAPANESE, SOVIET HARPOONS WITH THREAT OF TRADE BOYCOTT PROVIDED IN BILL INTRODUCED BY REP BELL.

17. KOREA

AS 25TH ANNIVERSARY APPROACHES, LAT'S DONOVAN (5/11) REVIEWS EVENTS OF KOREAN WAR, WHICH WAS UNPOPULAR BUT DID NOT RIP FABRIC OF US LIFE ON ANYTHING LIKE SCALE OF VN CONFLICT. ENTRANCE VN STRUGGLE PROVED CIRCUMSTANCES CAN OBLITERATE LESSONS ONCE LEARNED. RAISES PROSPECT US RESOLVE -- AND HARD-WON WISDOM -- MAY BE TESTED ANEW IN KOREA BEFORE LONG.

18. GENERAL

GELB (NYT 5/14) DETECTS HAK EDGING CLOSER TO TOUGHER STANCE WITH MOSCOW, IN KC, STLOUIS SPEECHES, PARTICULARLY ON ME, PORTUGAL AND INDOCHINA -- VIEW AS SIGNAL ADMIN EXPECTS MORE "GIVE" FROM SOVIET, AND ASSURES CHINESE SECSTATE NOT SO COMMITTED TO MOSCOW DETENTE AS TO LET DOWN US MILITARY GUARD OR NEGLECT US-PRC RELATIONS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ACCORDING SULZBERGER (NYT 5/14) ONLY THING WE KNOW ABOUT DOMINOES IS VN, CAMBODIA CONQUERED BY REVOLUTIONARY ARMIES, AND LAOS FALLING OVER BRINK; CAN ONLY SAY AT THIS STAGE OF GREAT DOMINO GAME THAT US LOST MUCH INFLUENCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT NOT CERTAIN RUSSIA, PRC OR EVEN COMMUNISM WE KNOW
WILL END UP TRIUMPHANT IN NEWLY REVOLUTIONIZED AREAS
(USIA WIRELESS FILE).

LELYVELD (NYT 5/11) CREDITS US THEORY OF VICTORY INSTEAD
OF COUNTER-INSURGENCY WITH ELIMINATING TWO MAJOR INSURGEN-
CIES, AND NOW, FOR BETTER OR WORSE, PRG, KR MUST GOVERN.
BUT CLUTCH OF IMITATORS ELSEWHERE HAS TO GO LONG WAY
BEFORE GRADUATING INTO REAL THREATS BY BUILDING KIND
OF BROAD POPULAR BASE BOTH MAO AND HO RECOGNIZED AS
ESSENTIAL TO GUERRILLA SUCCESS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).
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